



Legislation Text

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1. BACKGROUND:

A. **NEED:** To authorize and direct the Director of Public Safety to enter into contract with Metropolitan Towing and Storage for the Division of Police. This contract is for the towing and recovery of vehicles from the City streets as requested by the Division of Police.

B. **BID INFORMATION:** The bid for the towing and recovery of vehicles from the city streets was held on April 16, 2008. Metropolitan Towing and Storage and Columbus Towing and Recovery were the only bidders. A contract should be awarded to Metropolitan Towing and Storage, Inc. based on their bid being the lowest, most responsive and best bid received.

C. **EMERGENCY DESIGNATION:** Emergency legislation is necessary due to the current contract extension expires on May 31, 2008.

D. **CONTRACT COMPLIANCE NUMBER:** 311035297 (expires 1-11-2010)

2. **FISCAL IMPACT:** \$2,075,000.00 was encumbered or spent in 2007 for towing services. A total of \$1,800,000 was requested in the Division's 2008 General Fund Budget, and \$840,000 has been encumbered or spent so far this year. Upon completion of the award of this contract, a portion of the amount already encumbered for towing this year will be cancelled, allowing for the Division to take advantage of more favorable pricing, and stay on budget.

To authorize and direct the Director of Public Safety to enter into contract with Metropolitan Towing and Storage, Inc. for the purpose of towing of vehicles from City streets as requested by the Division of Police; to authorize the expenditure of \$1,150,000.00 from the General Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$1,150,000.00).

WHEREAS, the Division of Police wishes to enter into contract with Metropolitan Towing and Storage, Inc. in order to continue towing operation through May 31, 2009; and

WHEREAS, a formal bid was held for the purpose of towing vehicles from the City streets as requested by the Division of Police on April 16, 2008; and

WHEREAS, a contract should be awarded to Metropolitan Towing and Storage, Inc. for the city-wide towing services; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Division of Police, Department of Public Safety, in that it is immediately necessary to enter into contract for the towing of city vehicles from the City streets, thereby preserving the public peace, property, health, safety and welfare; now therefore

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

SECTION 1. That the Director of Public Safety be and is hereby authorized and directed to enter into contract with Metropolitan Towing and Storage, Inc. for the purpose of towing vehicles from the City streets for the Division of Police, for a one (1) year period effective June 1, 2008 based on their bid being the lowest, most responsive and best bid received.

SECTION 2. That the expenditure of \$1,150,000.00 or so much thereof as may be needed, be and the same is hereby authorized as follows:

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SECTION 3. That for the reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves or vetoes the same.